

# **BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

**October 7, 2013**

**The Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education met at 8:45 a.m. on the above date at the Rhode Island Department of Health, 3 Capitol Hill, Room 401, Providence, Rhode Island.**

**In Attendance:**

**Board Members: Diane Blier, Jessica Brier, Michelle Cahill, Carol Cairns, Linda Damon, Marie Jean, Peggy Matteson, Adele Palazzo, Maria Pezzillo, Anne Tierney, Linda Twardowski, and Kristen Young.**

**Excused: Manuela Raposo**

**Staff: Dan Ballirano, Legal Counsel; Donna Costantino, Chief of Health Professional Regulation; Andelys Liranzo, Case Manager; Twila McInnis, Director of Nurse Regulation and Nursing Education; Donna Valletta, Board Administrator**

**Others: Beth Bloom, Eleanor Claprod, Chris Gadbois, Donna Policastro, Ruth Ricciarelli, Marla Riley, Colleen Sawaia, Ann-Marie Simard**

**Others:**

## **1. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

**President Peggy Matteson called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. A quorum was established at this time.**

## **2. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF September 9, 2013**

### **3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Collaborating with the Director of the Board of Medicine in the development of statements regarding medical assistants. The document from the Board of Nursing will clarify the relationship between a licensed nurse and a medical assistant**

**Kathy Apple, Executive of the NCSBN offered RI congratulations on hiring a new director for the Board of Nursing and offered any assistance that might be needed during this transition.**

**Introduction of New Director for Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education - Twila McInnis, RN, MS, MPA**

### **4. DIRECTORS REPORT**

**Provided Flu Vaccine Information and Vaccination Rates in the State of RI.**

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### **5. BUSINESS**

**Reports from the work groups of the Board of Nursing**

## **Task Force Updating Rules and Regulations**

**Lead: Linda Damon**

**The group has copies of the statute and have begun their work.**

## **Task Force on Education**

**Lead: Maria Pezzillo**

**Maria and one or more members of the Task Force will conduct a site visit at Lincoln Tech as the school requested on October 28, 2013.**

## **Task Force on Skills Remediation**

**Lead: Linda Twardowski the members are investigating what other states do and the company that the RI Board of Medicine uses.**

## **6. POSSIBLE ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER'S AGENDA**

**President Matteson informed the board members that there may be as many as five open hearings following the business meeting of the Board on November 4, 2013.**

## **7. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMUNITY COLLEAGUES**

**Lincoln Technical Institute Dean Ann Marie Simard reported:**

**17 of the students had sat for the LPN Boards and passed on their first attempt**

**10 of the graduates have possible jobs.**

**The ACEN self study and ongoing work towards accreditation.**

**The students are unable to obtain PPD tests as a result of a shortage. She requested information about how other schools and agencies were handling that issue.**

**Ruth Ricciarelli of HARI reported that:**

**2200 nursing students are in RI clinical placements.**

**November 1, 2013 is the end of data collection from facilities as to how many nurses are employed, in what roles, and the projected needs for the coming year.**

**Donna Policastro of the RI SNA/ANA raised concerns about the increase in unlicensed community health care workers and the tasks they may be assuming that were previously done by a licensed nurse. She also mentioned a concern that students in the anesthesia assistant program at Quinnipiac University, in CT are unable to work in CT so they are coming to Rhode Island seeking preceptors for their clinical experiences. Once educated they may replace CRNAs in some positions.**

## **ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Pursuant to 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 of the Rhode Island General laws for discussion of job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licensees and for discussion of investigatory proceedings relating to misconduct by applicants licensure and licensees, and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct.**

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

**VOTE TO SEAL MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO  
SECTIONS 42-46-4, 42-46-5 AND 42-46-7 OF THE RHODE ISLAND  
GENERAL LAWS.**

**ADJOURNMENT at 2:30pm**